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It has been intimated that the temper of the people of the several states is such that presently legislatures may require all persons taking the oath of office to declare that they will not assist in any way in the violation of the provision of the federal constitution prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors.

There is a good deal of rebellion against the prohibition laws, and the victims of the dread disease of dipomania should be treated as gently as the circumstances allow, for the habit of drinking is a dire disease, and a sick man cannot always act rationally.

All this goes to show that the country allowed the drink evil to flourish too long. And when they did attempt to curb it as an instinctive effort to preserve the very existence of the human race, they had to deal with the mentalities of those whose minds had been directly changed and affected by the use of stimulants prolonged over a period of years.

They were mentally unable to see the point. They do not admit now that the sober part of the population is right in its prescription that wholesome food will take the place of whiskey.

It is a great pity that they cannot either be advised or controlled. They will not believe that there is a chance for freedom, no, not even if one rose from the dead. And there have been millions of men who have risen from a state worse than death by giving up the drinking habit.

In Virginia at one time, the practice of duelling was a curse to the country. A false standard of honor had been set up whereby a contemptible fire-eater could force a duel on a busy, useful citizen.

And even then they afforded a substitute in that the person insulted had the right to bring an action for damages and no plea or demurrer could prevent a jury from passing on the insult. It was generations before the defendant could plead the truth in justification of the offense, and it is doubtful whether the truth can be pleaded today in a case where in a case of insults tending to violence and breach of the peace, the truth of the words spoken would be irrelevant, impertinent, and scandalous.

But there has not been afforded any flimsy bed of offense for the drunkard. A few short years ago an orator in a legislative body boldly proclaimed that he had the constitutional right to take a drink.

claimed to have about 147,000 acres of coal and timber land in Kanawha, Boone, and Raleigh counties. The land was there but the trouble about it was that it was based on an obsolete grant, and it was in the adverse possession of some twenty-five thousand claimants all holding under junior grants from the State.

Krebs was asked in that far state whether he had ever been acquainted with Richard Smyth and his reply was no, that he was up among the angels.

In the 1790s there was a great activity in land matters in Virginia. The French Revolution followed the American Revolution and much was being made of the United States.

The law was that after paying for a certain number of acres of land of the public domain, the owner of the warrant could locate it anywhere he found land not previously granted to some other person.

A caveat was a protest against a new comer who was surveying around that he was including land not open to entry. Our ancestors very often took a high-out with a rifle, instead of putting a writ on him.

The result of this manner of entering lands resulted in transferring the counties into the likeness of a jigsaw puzzle. Here at Marlinton they made the first survey to conform with the level bottom land, leaving the mountain sides for posterity.

Great confusion resulted. Thousands of tracts interlocked and interfered with each other, most of them inadvertently.

Thomas Jefferson was a country lawyer and he knew about the tangled lines under the slovenly way the Commonwealth disposed of its public lands, so when he became President he saw to it that the system of regular squares and quarters sections was instituted for the boundless west.

For instance when he called for a tract cornering on a cypress tree on the headwaters of Cheat River, about 3,000 feet elevation, he caused many surveys that were yet to be, a great deal of trouble, for a cypress was never known to grow in these mountains.

West Virginia declared that a forfeiture to the State inured to the benefit of a diligent adverse claimant. Foreign lawyers find it difficult to grasp that doctrine.

The danger to the investor consists in the universal belief that the older a title is the better it is, and because the old grant abstracts perfectly. It is only when they come to the question of whether it has been forfeited that they strike a snag, and then the promoter shows that they can redeem by paying the back taxes.

Henry Gilmer, one of the great lawyers of the world, departed this life in a hospital in Baltimore, Saturday, April 1, 1922, aged 64 years. The most of his life was blighted with robust health, but some years ago he developed diabetes, and it was the culmination of this disease which caused his death.

The peace and prosperity of a civilized community depends upon the legal adviser in that case determining the question arising in the myriad of cases of human conduct which lie on the border land between right and wrong.

Does it pay you a fair interest, upkeep, taxes and a decent wage? Are you still trying with your hands to put the western farmer's modern machinery out of business and are you satisfied?

What Richard Smyth did with his acres is a mystery. It is probable that he disposed of them in foreign countries. In those days it was not the custom to record deeds. It is likely that they were marketed in some way.

Thirty or forty years after, Virginia found that her prodigality in the granting of the public land, was causing her embarrassment. The old titles kept back settlers. Many had trespassed on the old grants and laid new surveys upon them, so that it was necessary to pass laws validating the junior grant, thus bringing about the anomalous condition of making the younger title the better title.

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